

Dear Commissioners,

I am distressed to think that you would even consider relaxing the rules on ownership of media outlets. Already, several of our local radio stations (including our classical music station) have been gobbled up by out-of-state media stations. The thought that both radio, TV, cable and/or newspapers in one geographic area could be owned by one company is chilling. It flies in the face of the principles which all the Founding Fathers agreed upon--that open exchange of ideas was essential to democracy. These outlets are not simply industries--they are the cornerstones of democracy, and the captains of industry need to understand that. Please do not give in to pressure from well-financed lobbying groups!

Yours sincerely, Marian Stevens